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Council Unanimously Approves North Park Theatre Retrofit

SAN DIEGO--The City Council voted unanimously today to support the allocation of \$655,000 for the seismic retrofit of the North Park Theatre. The seismic work should be completed by the end of April 2003. At that time the theater will be conveyed to developer Bud Fischer who will finish the historic restoration of the theatre and prepare it to become the new home of the Lyric Opera San Diego.

The \$655,000 in funding for this seismic work will come from North Park Redevelopment funds set aside for this purpose.

"The rehabilitation of this theater has been a dream of the North Park community for decades," said Councilmember Atkins.

With today's action the City takes a huge stride forward toward making this historic theater a viable venue for live performance.

"The theater is a cornerstone for the revitalization of North Park," said Atkins. "Today, we are one more step closer to realizing this dream."

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